Special Courts for 1984 riots in Delhi

@963. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three special courts have been set up to try 1984 riot cases in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what arrangements have been made for speedy disposal and effective adjudication of the cases ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three additional public prosecutors have been detailed exclusively to deal with cases and take necessary steps like moving the courts for fixing shorter dates, keep liaison with the Police Department for effective service of summons of the witnesses and their production in the courts. Progress is being monitored on monthly basis.

Delay in construction of National Highway

964. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of National highway No. 17 is unduly delayed; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take steps to complete the same without any further delay ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) N.H.17 is an existing National Highway. Further development of NH 17 is a continuing process and improvement works on this road costing about Rs. 63.97 crores have been sanctioned during the 7th Plan.

Economic ties with the USSR

965. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to improve economic ties with the USSR;

(b) if so, the details of the new areas identified therefor; and

(c) the programmes drawn up thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In addition to growth in traditional patterns of trade and economic relations, Government is working to promote new forms of economic cooperation such as joint ventures, production cooperation and construction projects.

(c) Under the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation, an Indo-Soviet working group has been recently established to jointly facilitate the new forms of economic ties and to actively assist Indian and Soviet enterprises to have direct contacts and collaboration with one other.

उत्तर पूर्वी जिले में दिल्ली पुलिस के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

966. श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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